

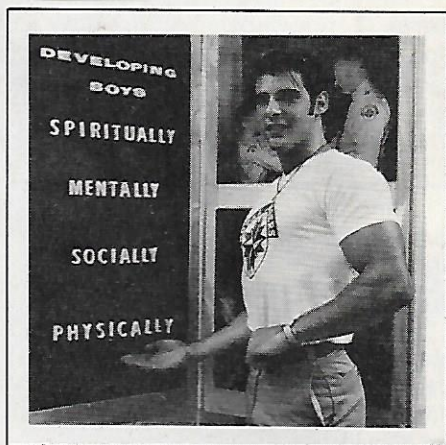
ROYAL RANGERS SPEAK

FROM THE VERY BEGINNING Royal Rangers has emphasized developing boys into Christian men, preparing them for future leadership, challenging them to high ideals, and encouraging them to pursue occupations and professions that will be of service to God and man.

Does the program work? Have boys really been motivated to become better Christians? Have they been prepared to face life? In the majority of cases the answer is an unhesitating yes!

Following are testimonies of four Royal Rangers who have come up through the program.

Dave Simpson



Dave Simpson is a junior at Evangel College, Springfield, Mo. He is majoring in physical education and plans to become a phys. ed. teacher and coach. He comments:

"The four gold points of the Royal Rangers emblem symbolize the four ways a boy grows—physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually.' As I read these words for the first time out of my new *Royal Rangers Handbook*, I determined to memorize them and to live by them. I knew this was the start of something great for me because I had never before had any goals to shoot for. I now have goals for every area of my life.

"All boys want to become strong, mature men, and I was no exception. Yet I knew this didn't just happen. I would have to work at it and so I set out to do so through Royal Rangers.

"As I started working hard on my advancements, I began to grow without realizing it. I grew mentally by gaining knowledge and skills. I began to develop physically by starting a weight lifting program for myself. I grew socially by surrounding myself with other young people. I was also careful to give attention to my spiritual life and keep in close communication with my

Lord. Growing, as the Royal Rangers program outlined, was an everyday job—not something that could happen each week at our meetings.

"During high school I was awarded the top physical fitness award for high schools in New York.

"After I graduated from high school in 1968 I became a junior commander and began to teach the skills I had learned.

"My weight lifting made it possible for me to compete in the Mr. Missouri Physique contest in 1969. I won two trophies—third place and 'Most Muscular.' This year I won first place in the Mr. Springfield contest.

"Little did I know that the goals set for me through the Royal Ranger program were going to carry me this far.

"As I look back I realize I was like many other boys—full of energy, with a need to direct that energy into something worthwhile. That is what Royal Rangers did for me. It set goals for me which gave my life direction."



Bill Rosa

Bill Rosa Jr. is a student at Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo. He plans to engage in special inner-city youth ministry in the Bronx. He says:

"At the age of 10 I received Christ into my life while attending Sunday school. At the age of 12 I was the first boy in my class to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

"But I was still a boy. I was no angel with a halo around my head! I played, jumped, ran, climbed trees, and even fought in school occasionally. And like the rest of the boys in my church, I was confronted with a problem. I was lonely and restless. I wanted something to do. It almost seemed as if the church wasn't aware my need existed.

"About 15 boys (whose parents were members of my church) and I would gather in the basement in a room known as 'headquarters.' Because it had *three* escape doors and *two* hideouts known only to us boys, we were